

By the time you've finished reading more than two million plastic bags will have been used and discarded world-wide. Thousands of marine animals, including an estimated 100,000 sea turtles, are strangled to death or poisoned by plastic bags annually. These are only a few of the staggering and troubling facts surrounding plastic bag waste.

You can help curtail plastic bag waste by shopping with reusable and recyclable bags. Just one reusable bag can take the place of 1,000 plastic bags over its useful life.

The County has already taken several steps to enact policies that support green building and other reductions in resource use. Information on what the County is doing can be found at:

www.greencountysb.com

In step with overall Green County efforts, **the County of San Bernardino is pleased to announce that the high quality reusable and recyclable Green County bags are now available for sale, at \$1.25 each, from the following locations:**

County Museum Store, Redlands

Regional Parks Administration, San Bernardino

Regional Parks front gates:

Glen Helen, Cucamonga-Guasti, Calico, Moabi and Mojave Narrows.

**Get More Bags
TODAY!!!!**



Reusable Bags are the Right Choice...

According to the *Wall Street Journal*, the U.S. goes through 100 billion plastic bags per year using an estimated 12 million barrels of oil to produce them. The average family of four uses 15 to 20 disposable bags for *every* grocery trip.

- In the U.S., about 14 million trees go to producing paper bags each year and the production of paper bags emits high amounts of greenhouse gases.
- Recycling rates for disposable bags are extremely low, with only 1% - 3% of plastic and 10% - 15% of paper bags being recycled.
- The EPA estimates plastic bags take more than 500 years to degrade and they do not biodegrade. Plastic bags break down into small toxic bits that contaminate soil and waterways, entering the food chain through animals that accidentally ingest them.
- Reusing makes cents. Some retailers offer a 5 cent credit toward your bill for each reusable bag used.
- The County's reusable bag is made from non-woven polypropylene and is 100% recyclable. This bag is water repellent, avoids bacteria and odors and complies with FDA regulations.



San Bernardino County is proud to be a green leader committed to supporting all responsible steps, both large and small, towards sustainable living and a cleaner, healthier environment.

We sincerely THANK YOU for joining in our grassroots efforts to prove each of us can make a difference...one shopping trip at a time.

Offer available while supplies last

www.sbcounty.gov

